## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK In a Proceeding Under In re Section 304 of the PARMALAT FINANZIARIA S.p.A. et al., Bankruptcy Code Debtors in a Foreign Proceeding. Case No. 04 -14268 (RDD) (Jointly Administered) -----X ABN AMRO BANK N.V., Appellant **District Court** Case No. 07-cv-07413 (PKC) - against -PARMALAT FINANZIARIA S.p.A. et al.,

## **DECLARATION OF HOWARD B. COMET**

Appellees.

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Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1746, Howard B. Comet declares under the penalty of perjury as follows:

- 1. I am a member of the firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, attorneys for Appellees Parmalat Finanziaria S.p.A., et al., and am familiar with the facts and circumstances set forth herein.
- 2. The exhibits included in the Exhibit Binder for Supplemental Memorandum filed in connection with this declaration contain true and correct copies of the following documents:
- 3. Exhibit 1 is a true and correct copy of the certified English translation of the Order of the Court of Parma, dated February 4, 2008.

- 4. Exhibit 2 is a true and correct copy of Council Regulation (EC) No 1346/2000.
- 5. Exhibit 3 is a true and correct copy of the certified English translation of Articles 44 and 45 of Italian Bankruptcy Law, as published in *The Italian* Civil Code and Related Laws, Giorgio De Nova ed., (Zanichelli, Bologna 2007).
- 6. Exhibit 4 is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from I. Fletcher, European Union Regulation on Insolvency Proceedings, in 3 Collier Internaionl Business Insolvency Guide 43-1 (2007).
- 7. Exhibit 5 is a true and correct copy of M. Balz, *The European* Union Convention on Insolvency Proceedings, 70 Am. Bankr. L. J. 485 (1996).
- 8. Exhibit 6 is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the Federal Judicial Center's treatise *International Insolvency* (2008).
- 9. Exhibit 7 is a true and correct copy of M. Veder & L. Kortmann, The EC Insolvency Regulation: European Cross-Border Insolvency, in J. Silkenat & C. Schmerler eds., The Law of International Insolvencies and Debt Restructurings (2006).
- 10. Exhibit 8 is a true and correct copy of A. Smits & I. O'Hearn, Multinational Insolvency Forum Shopping, in J. Silkenat & C. Schmerler, eds., The Law of International Insolvencies and Debt Restructurings (2006).
- 11. Exhibit 9 is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the Virgos-Schmit Report on the Convention of Insolvency Proceedings 6500/96.
- 12. Exhibit 10 is a true and correct copy of the opinion of the U.K. Shierson v. Vlieland-Boddy, [2005] 1 W.L.R. 3966 (U.K. Court of Appeal 2005).

- 13. Exhibit 11 is a true and correct copy of the opinion of t *In re Parkside Flexibles SA*, [2006] B.C.C. 589 (U.K. High Court 2005).
- 14. Exhibit 12 is a true and copy of an excerpt from I. Fletcher, *Insolvency in Private International Law* (1st ed. 1999).
- 15. Exhibit 13 is a true and correct copy of *In re Flightlease Ireland Ltd.*, [2005] IEHC 274 (High Court of Ireland 2005).
- 16. Exhibit 14 is a true and correct copy of a chapter from G. Moss, I. Fletcher & S. Isaacs, eds., *The EC Regulation on Insolvency Proceedings* (2002).

Dated: New York, New York June 4, 2008

/s/ Howard B. Comet
Howard B. Comet